

Appl. No. 09/481,640  
Amdt. dated 12/18/06  
Reply to Office action of 5/5/06

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 2, 3, 10 and 14-16 remain in the application. No claims have been withdrawn, amended, added or canceled herein.

In "Specification," item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification. The Examiner's suggested change has been made.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's statement in item 3 on page 2 of the Office Action that claims 2, 3, 10 and 14-16 are allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2, 3, 10 and 14-16, are solicited.

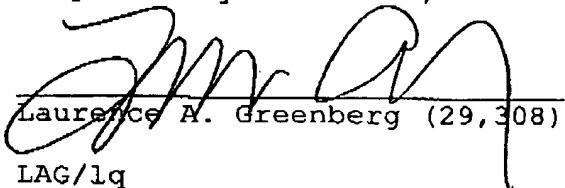
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

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If an extension of time is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Any extension fee associated therewith should be charged to Deposit Account Number 12-1099 of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account Number 12-1099 of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP.

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